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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON UPDK

1. AMBASSADOR APRIL 29 CALLED ON UPDK DIRECTOR KUZNETSOV TO SEEK EARLY ACTION ON EMBASSY'S LONG-STANDING REQUESTS FOR APARTMENTS, ELECTRIC POWER, RECREATION FACILITY AND OTHER SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. KUZNETSOV PROMISED ABOUT FOUR APARTMENTS IN MAY AND UNDERTOOK TO PURSUE OTHER MATTERS. RECEPTION WAS CORDIAL WITH REPEATED ASSERTIONS SOVIET DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL.

2. ON APARTMENTS KUZNETSOV SAID UPDK EXPECTED TO RECEIVE NEW BUILDING IN MAY '76 ON LENINSKY PROSPEKT FOR ALLOCATION TO FOREIGNERS. SIX SOVIET-SIZE APARTMENTS PROJECTED BY UPDK FOR US, WHICH WE ROUGHLY GUESS WILL RECONFIGURE TO ABOUT FOUR TWO-BEDROOM, KUZNETSOV ALLEGED THAT DELAY SINCE LAST NOVEMBER CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION SLIPPAGES.

3. AS FOR ADDITIONAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO RELIEVE DANGEROUS OVERLOADS IN CHANCERY BUILDING, HE ASSERTED DIFFICULTY ARISES FROM DELAYS ON PART OF CITY PROJECT AUTHORITIES, WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED REQUISITE DESIGN AND PLANNING WORK. SIMILARLY, OTHER SOVIET AGENCIES ARE RESPONSIBLE IN FIRST INSTANCE FOR PROVISION RECREATIONAL PROPERTY AND NEW BUILDING FOR ANGLO-AMERICAN SCHOOL. HE ASSURED AMBASSADOR HE WOULD FOLLOW UP IN BOTH CASES, BUT AVOIDED ANY FIRM COMMITMENT TO DELIVER.

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4. COMMENT - KUZNETSOV'S PROFESSIONS OF DESIRES TO BE HELPFUL

ARE MILDLY ENCOURAGING AND CONSISTENT WITH OTHER RECENT
SOVIET ASSERTIONS ON MAINTENANCE GOOD BILATERAL WORKING
RELATIONSHIPS. NONETHELESS APARTMENT OFFERINGS FALL WELL
SHORT OF NUMBER REQUESTED AND CONTINUED DEFERRAL OTHER
MATTERS LEAVES US WITH REALIZATION WE HAVE THUS FAR ONLY BEEN
TOSSED THE PROVERBIAL BONE. ALSO, SLIPPAGE TO MAY ON APART-
MENTS, WITH ADDITIONAL TWO TO THREE MONTHS NEEDED
FOR RECONFIGURATION, PUSHES AVAILABILITY LATE INTO SUMMER
TRANSFER CYCLE AND MAY YET REQUIRE US DELAY SOME ARRIVALS.
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